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Department of Health Services Children's Medical Services Network (CMS Net) - Information Bulletin # 132

October Change Cycle

The following is a list of changes which were added to the CMS Net System for the October Change Cycle:

CMS Net Web:

SAR #: The SAR Number will be added to the NOA under the county name.

Print Canceled SARs: Added the ability to print a canceled SAR.

New Calendar Data Entry Feature: Added a new date selection feature for Service Begin Date, End Date and Request Date which allows users to select a date from a calendar verses from a drop down list or entering manually.

EPSDT Negotiated Prices on SARs: Modified the security to allow users with SAR override or SAR EPSDT authority to authorize SARs with a procedure code with no price on file.

Carbon Copies on Denial Letters and NOAs: Modified the denial letter and the NOAs to display the full addressees listed on the carbon copy of the letter.

Inactivated SAR Categories: Three categories were deactivated in the last change cycle. The three categories are: Special Care Center Services, Pulse Oximeter and Non-Benefit Pulmonary Devices. An error occurs on SARs with these categories listed. We have modified the system to display only valid categories; allowing users to view authorize SARs with these categories but not modify them and require the user to create another SAR if the status is pending.

MEDS Reconciliation

CMS Net will begin receiving monthly updates from MEDS starting this change cycle. The MEDS Reconciliation, or MEDS Recon, will update CMS Net cases

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with the most up-to-date Medi-Cal Managed Care information while retaining our more accurate Healthy Families and Insurance Coverage information. Closed and Denied cases will not be updated.

Matching on Client Index Number (CIN), the MEDS Recon will update the client's Social Security Number, Medi-Cal coverage information, and managed care coverage. If a SCI relink is done, MEDS Recon data associated with the new CIN will be added the following month.

Healthy Families and Insurance Coverage will not be updated, save for termination dates. A new insurance carrier will be added for any Healthy Families or Insurance Coverage not currently in CMS Net. The current procedure for updating Insurance Coverage will not be affected by this change.

Narratives will be added to each case changed by the MEDS Recon, detailing what the reconciliation changed. A management report was developed to enable users to search for MEDS Recon updates within a particular date range for their county or regional office.

There will be a large number of updated cases this month. Successive months will show changes only if a change is sent on the MEDS data file.